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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Killing Ex-Girlfriend

A 49-year-old man was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for fatally shooting his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Steve Ipson said Richard Tauch of Corona was convicted by a jury on Nov. 19, 2013 of two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Jenny Sor, 40 and Wen Wa Chao, 53. Jurors also found true special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and lying in wait.

Tauch and Sor were in a relationship for a year before she broke up with him in December 2009 and started dating Chao, the prosecutor said.

On Jan. 19, 2010, Tauch went to Sor's workplace, the Hollywood Park Casino in Inglewood, and hid himself in her car. After Sor got off work, she drove to Monterey Park to visit Chao and his father, who was in an assisted living facility.

When Sor arrived at the care home, she went inside and Tauch followed. The defendant then accosted Sor and Chao and shot them multiple times. The victims died at the scene, the prosecutor said.

After the shooting, Tauch fled the area, but was arrested by police the next day. The defendant has remained in custody since his apprehension.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau.

[Addendum: The prosecutor added that Tauch was ordered to pay restitution in the following amounts: \$14,671 for the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, \$7,161 to Sor's sister and \$73,360 for Chao's daughter.]

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